

Many Redeeming Features in Revised Game of Football, Says President of Education Board

FIELD IS GLASSY AT DIMILICO TODAY

Records Are Expected to Fall Before Meeting Is Over.

JAMESTOWN READY TO WELCOME RACERS

Events Yesterday Furnished Several Distinct Surprises to Talented Bettors.

By J. H. (JUDGE) ANDERSON.

Seven races with big fields in each again up for action at Dimilico this afternoon. The horses are pretty well matched throughout, and the talent is bound to have a lively time picking winners.

The track is now in the best of shape, and 1910 is liable to be marked against several more records before the meeting closes.

There was not so much excitement about the racing of yesterday as there has been on days before, but yet much of interest showed up during the afternoon, and the crowd was well satisfied with the sport.

Another new track record was made, Hampton Court running the mile in 1:39 in the Owners' Handicap. The previous record was 1:39.5, held by Nimbus and Dreamer.

The first race of the day attracted much attention, inasmuch as it was a match between Stinger and Touch Me, who have been matched for some time. Yesterday's race is a fair test of the merits of the two colts, then John Paul might as well count out his coin and hand it over to Herr Smithson.

When the barrier was released in this race Stinger jumped to the front, and at once opened up a big gap, which he held to the finish. The other colts looked foolish driving for their lives and floundering along in the rear of the leader. Who was skipping along as blithe as a May morning.

Touch Me ran a dull race, and was beaten for place by Heatherbrook, on whom that distinguished jockey artist Rowan had the mount.

Stinger is some colt just now. His owner, C. C. Smithson, had yesterday that he wished he could get a matched race with Zeus instead of Touch Me. And he means to do it.

Our Hannah showed that her race of Monday, when she ran a good second to Hill Top, was no fluke. The race of the afternoon in the easiest fashion possible, with everything else driving behind her.

Captain Swanson was supposed to be a real good thing here, and was made the favorite, but after showing some early speed, faded away and finished outside the money.

Bray Had Hard Luck. Frank Bray played in hard luck yesterday. He felt very confident of winning with Captain Swanson, but told his friends that Montclair was a certainty, and that they could go as far as they liked on this one. Both of Mr. Bray's good things fell by the wayside.

Montclair made the running in the stretch, where Van Den and Black Chief challenged. In a driving finish, Black Chief won by his nose in front, and landed the coin.

It was quite a somersault of form, and caused much comment. The other day Claude and Bannan had no difficulty in putting away the Chief, running the six furlongs in 1:14 on a fast track. Yesterday he was a good one like Montclair in 1:13.2-5.

Adventurer, as was expected, annexed the Handicap Steeplechase for hunters without serious opposition. This one is altogether too much for the hunters that have shown thus far.

Rambler was figured to be the contender, but he was beaten by the old Green Spring Valley favorite, Peter Young.

Mr. Spencer, on Peter Young, came very near making a monkey of Mr. Kerr, who rode Adventurer. At the finish Mr. Kerr thinking that the race was over, came up on his mount, and took a nap. Mr. Spencer coming with a rattle got to Adventurer's throat latch before Mr. Kerr was up.

For a moment it seemed as if Peter Young would steal the race, but old Adventurer under whip and steel got going again, and just managed to poke his nose in front as the line was crossed.

It was a scary moment for the backers of the favorite, but he was fully put up by their shiekels at 1 to 2, and they consigned Mr. Kerr to the remotest depths of Hell.

The Owners' Handicap was a pleasant outing for Hampton Court, which galloped in front all the way, finishing with his mouth wide open in 1:39, a new track record.

Compton Failed. Compton well backed for place underdook to dispute matters with Hampton Court, but the pace was so hot as to take all the running out of the Ingolds by colt before the stretch turn was reached, and leave him a hopeless wreck in the rear.

The Baltimore Brewers' Purse had only two starters, Priscilla and Sotemia. The race was a joke, Priscilla leading from start to finish without ever being let down.

While Sotemia was beaten, the filly scored a excellent performance, and one that makes her chances for the Bowie worth considering. Priscilla ran the mile and three-sixteenths in 2:06.4-5, and Sotemia was only a little behind.

In the race yesterday the filly carried 107. In the Bowie she will have only 95, and if she runs at the clip shown yesterday will have a great chance to get some of the money.

St. Joseph, a much touted good thing under the charge of J. Pierpont Mayberry, captured the last race, after running the favorite over into the crowd and standing off Laughing Eyes' determined challenge at the finish. Mr. Mayberry and his friends had their checks down to the limit.

Much comment was created in the ring when Bookmaker Walters marked up 1 to 1,000 against Sotemia for place in the sixth event. He was simply taking a chance that the filly might break a leg in the race.

Dion Kerr has been riding too long to be caught napping, as he was yesterday on Adventurer. His foolishness came very near tossing off a barrel of good money. Wake up Mr. Kerr!

HACKENSCHMIDT HERE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, arrived here from Europe today. He is after the scalp of Frank Gotch, the American wrestler, who defeated him for the world's championship in Chicago several years ago, and will issue a challenge.

Befriends New Football

CLEVELAND, Oct. 29.—New football has at least one strong advocate, an old college man at that, one that played in the days when brute strength and massive weight was a supreme factor and when a football game was purely a massacre.

Dr. B. F. Roller, one of the three best wrestlers in the world, is an upholder of this reform in football.

"I honestly like the new game," said Roller. "Principally because it is a brain developer. A man has to think for himself now. He didn't when a couple of guards weighing 255 pounds apiece and tackles slightly lighter were there to make holes for the halfbacks carrying 215 pounds."

"No, in those days," and Dr. Roller smiled a sardonic smile, "brains were not absolutely necessary. Most any lubber with 200 pounds of brawn, no matter if he had nothing more than a helmet for a head, could play with the best of 'em."

"Another favorable phase of revised football is the lessening of injuries. A few years ago it was a frequent happening that a man was maimed for life. In every game some fellow was seriously disabled. I notice this is not the case today."

HARVARD IS WEAK, DECLARES PHILBIN

Former Yale Star Says That Crimson Line Is Far From Being Strong.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 29.—Steve Philbin, star halfback of the Yale eleven last season, and now a student in the Harvard Law School, has written his views regarding the Harvard football team of this year for the Yale News.

Philbin bases his conclusions on the Bates and Brown games and his own contest against them as captain of the Harvard Law School team. He asserts the line was unquestionably weaker than last year's and that the loss of Fish and P. Whittington is severely felt.

In conclusion the Blue star asserts: "L. Whittington is not in the same class with Fish as a tackle, and Minto is far from filling the hole left by P. Whittington. But McKay and Fisher are exceptionally good men, especially the former, and each is relied upon to give the necessary force and stability to his side of the line. The regular ends should be up to last season's pair, Smith being the better."

"Quinn and Potter, either of them more useful than the quarter last year. The backfield is better than that of 1909, but Corbett is the only regular man, and the others, while good, are not exceptionally so. As to the kicking, the punters attain height, but no distance. Altho a good substitute end, Felton combines both successfully. Lewis, another end, is a good deep kicker, but has not yet been hurried into the place."

"To sum up the Harvard team as it appears to one who is but imperfectly acquainted with its present powers and possibilities is weaker on the whole than the team of 1909."

College Sports

Contrary to the general belief, the track squad at Penn out for fall work is very small. Trainer Mike Murphy is devoting most of his time to the football team, and nothing will be done in the way of real work until the season is over.

At the recent track meet held by the University of Illinois, 29 athletes competed, making a showing that has not been equaled by any other schools, and a good track team ought to be turned out at Champaign this year.

To stimulate the colleges to greater efforts a cup has been offered to the team winning the intercollegiate basketball championship by a Philadelphia enthusiast. Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Penn, Cornell, and Columbia have a chance to win the prize.

Cross-country running has received proper recognition by Harvard. The varsity "H" will be awarded to any man finishing third or better in the dual run with Yale, and in the intercollegiate championship seventh or better will entitle the athlete to a varsity letter.

By increasing the seating capacity of the football stands at Brown, the athletic committee hopes to make enough of the sport to support all of the other sports out during the year.

Interest in aerobics is being shown at all of the big colleges this year. Columbia, Cornell, William, and Amherst have active societies. The Cornell club has raised enough money to buy a motor for the plane which the members are building, and they hope to fly the machine in the spring.

Football Notes

Princeton is in better physical condition at midseason than it has been for years, thanks to Keene Fitzpatrick.

Pendleton, Princeton's most brilliant halfback, weighs only 165 pounds.

Former Coach Waterbury, of the Harvard freshmen, is getting good results from this year's 1914 team this week, and will send it into the game with the Orange Tigers today stronger than it was when it met Exeter and Andover.

No admission is charged for the football games at West Point, and Harvard and Yale may all their expenses incidental to the trips, for the Army games.

New York will be a lively place to-night should Harvard beat the Army and Dartmouth twist the Tiger's tail.

The relative ranking of the football officials this fall is: Referee, field judge, umpire, and linesman, and compensation should be in this ratio.

HEAD OF CAPITAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SPEAKS FAVORABLY OF FALL SPORT

Head of Washington Schools Sees Nothing Wrong in Gridiron Game.

Football men of Washington today have real cause for elation. On the side lines at the Central Business High School game, yesterday afternoon, was W. V. Cox, president of the Board of Education, who went to the National Park in order to investigate and satisfy himself as to the proper attitude of the school authorities of the District toward the talk of abolishing football in the schools here.

Following every play as closely as the coaches and others intensely interested in the game, President Cox had the best opportunity possible to form an opinion from an unprejudiced viewpoint. He saw the unbridled end runs and long punts which drew cheers from nearly 3,000 spectators, and he watched developments when the game was occasionally taken out of the hands of the players and forced to ask for a short respite. After it was all over President Cox was one of the most interested spectators, and he was not surprised to find that the game was not as bad as he had heard.

Speaking of the general football situation, Mr. Cox said: "I am thoroughly convinced that the revised rules have done much to improve football. The encouragement of open play, in my mind, minimized the liability of danger, and put a premium on speed and general ability, as opposed to weight along with the old code."

"I watched the play yesterday from the beginning to the end, and must say that I saw nothing that would justify the reports that football as it is now played is brutal."

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Autopsy Shows That Cornell Man Died From Natural Causes.

One of the chief causes of the crusade against football is the fact that every year there are a number of deaths charged against the game when, as a matter of fact, playing is in no way responsible for the passing of the athlete.

On Thursday a report came out of Ithaca that the captain of the Cornell freshman team was killed on the gridiron. Immediately the talk of abolishing the game was revived, and it was pointed out that when a young man with the facilities at hand at Cornell cannot survive the game it is too much to ask of players less trained.

Today we have the truth of the whole matter. Determined to find out how young Paul met his death, an autopsy was performed and the signed verdict of the surgeons was that football was in no way responsible for the death, as the victim was suffering from arterial disease and could not have lived two years even had he never seen a gridiron.

The surgeon who performed the post-mortem examination is a celebrated pathologist of Buffalo, so there is no doubt as to the correctness of his verdict in the matter.

And so football is again vindicated. A gathering of the football men of this city and section took place at the Riggs House last evening. Coaches of the various schools, including those of Georgetown, Thompson, of Washington College, Alston, of Maryland Agricultural College, Stewart, one of the greatest centers Carolina ever had, and Given, of Georgetown, who played against him, were among those who discussed the new rules and the revised game.

A very pleasant time was had by all. That victory over Business yesterday makes Central the favorites for the championship, and it is a mighty battle expected when Tech is met by the O street school.

That Army-Harvard game today should be some contest. The Army has already beaten Yale, so that makes the Crimson especially anxious to win.

M. A. C. MUCH ELATED OVER BIG VICTORY

A disappointed lot of football players representing Washington College left for Chestertown, Md., this morning, and a happy crowd cheered them from Maryland Agricultural College.

The team from the Agricultural College was a well-deserved and hotly-fought contest, and showed a complete and thorough knowledge of football.

By Quarterback Shipley, who kicked a difficult drop kick in the gathering gloom at the close of the game, Coach Alston's team fought for every inch of ground, and finally won.

The other two points were made on a safety. Captain Porter failed to catch a miserable pass from the center, and the ball was downed behind his goal line. The game was replete with fast plays, and both sides took advantage of the high wind, which carried the twisting punts far and away from the men in the backfield.

Coach Alston is deserving of the highest commendation, as his team has come to the front as the logical candidate for the championship of Maryland, after winning yesterday. With little or no material, the coach has built up a fine little team which knows football, and applies that knowledge in practice.

Score by quarters: Washington College..... 0 0 0 0-0 M. A. C..... 0 0 2 3-5

Commission Gets \$18,330.25. Last year the National Commission was presented with \$18,330.25 for its end from the Pittsburgh-Detroit series. Then it was counted in on the New York-Boston and the Cubs-White Sox games, too. In Mr. Bruce's statement his book showed a balance of \$15,234.41.

Twelve thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and forty-one cents after all salaries and expenses are paid. What becomes of it? What does the National Commission do with this money? That is what ought to be known.

The Baseball trust is composed of the two clubs and the owner of the Cincinnati club, who are well paid for their services during the season. The question is: Why should 10 per cent of the gross receipts be given to this National Commission? Why not allow the clubs to handle the series, or let the commission continue its work, but let it make a statement to the club owners for its expenses and let the owners see that they are paid?

Why Ten Per Cent. Now what does this 10 per cent mean? That's easy to figure. First, it must insure Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Herrmann the rest of railroad service, the right to reside at the choicest of hostilities, and all the wine that the commission chooses to drink and buy. Who pays for this? None other than the poor baseball bug who goes into a craze to see his team win or lose in the long end.

The Cubs and Athletics drew an attendance of 124,222 in the five games, which, with the advanced prices named by the National Commission, amounted to \$173,380. Ten per cent of this amount, which is \$17,338, went to the National Commission.

The National Commission, Johnson, Lynch, and Herrmann, of course also led after the series between the New York Giants and Yankees and the Cleveland Naps and Cincinnati Reds. Rather, it simply arranged the details and instructed to have 10 per cent deducted from the receipts.

The New York games amounted to \$18,484, giving the National Commission \$1,848.40. The Reds-Naps games were far from satisfactory financially, still \$25,235 was pocketed by the National Commission from the world's series and the New York games.

Originally the 10 per cent was set aside to the expenses of the clubs during the world's series. It was to include the salaries and expenses of the four umpires, the salaries and expenses of the official scorers, the salaries and expenses of the business representatives, and the expenses for the emblem presented to the winners of the series.

In the statement issued by Secretary-Treasurer John E. Bruce he lists the sum of \$100,000 awarded to the National Commission as salaries and expenses. There is no further questioning on the part of Secretary-Treasurer Bruce just placing the \$10